



## **Dorchester Avenue Project Task Force Members**

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### **Hiep Chu**

Hiep is the Executive Director of the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (Viet-AID) and has been active in the following: 2000-03, Deputy Director of Viet-AID; 1999 – 2001, Project Director, National Asian Family/School Partnership Project, National Coalition of Advocates for Students; 1994 – 1999, Program Coordinator, Institute for Asian American Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston; 1990 – 1994, Executive Director, Vietnamese American Civic Association, Inc., (VACA). Mr. Chu was also a co-founder of Viet-AID and board president from 1994 to 2000.

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### **Marisa Coleman**

Marisa is a Dorchester native with over ten years of nonprofit and community service expertise, including experience in fundraising and youth development. Prior to joining SCI, Marisa has previously worked with Boston's leading youth organizations such as Tenacity and Citizens Schools, and helped to develop MCAS Pathways to Success, a new summer enrichment program for high school seniors at Bunker Hill Community College. Marisa graduated from Northeastern University with a B.S. in Political Science and a minor in African American studies.

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### **Edward Crowley**

Edward is a life-long resident of Dorchester. He is self-employed as a Construction Manager for a developer in the South End. Edward has been involved in the Fields Corner area for the past 12-15 years and is also Clerk of the Dorchester Day parade.

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### **Sean Denniston**

Sean was born in Boston and lives in the Codman Square area. He has worked in government for most of the past fifteen years and is currently at the Executive Office of Transportation as a Project Manager. Sean received his BA in history at Williams College, an MA in Modern History from Oxford University, and a JD from Boston College Law School. Sean is a member of several Dorchester organizations and currently involved in the Program for Dispute Resolution at University of Massachusetts, Boston.

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### **Eileen Fenton**

Eileen is a life-long resident of the Columbia-Savin Hill section of Dorchester. She is active in many groups/organizations including the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association and its Planning Committee, the Annapolis Street Crime Watch Group, and serves as a Board Member for the L Street Curley Recreation Center. Eileen is presently employed as an Attorney and the Municipal Affairs Liaison for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

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## **Rosanne A. Foley**

Rosanne's professional experience has involved environmental health, community economic development, law enforcement, and historic preservation. She is a Board member for Boston GreenSpace Alliance, Dorchester Historical Society, St Mark's Area Main Street, and the Dorchester Arts Collaborative. Other affiliations include Ashmont Hill Association, Ashmont MBTA Community Review Committee co-chair, and the Codman Square House Tour. Rosanne received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northeastern University in 1984. Since 2001, Rosanne has been the Coordinator for the Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition, an initiative of Codman Square Health Center and Dorchester House Multi-Service Center. She has lived in Dorchester since 1986.

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## **Arlene Lopes**

Arlene is a Bostonian, born and bred. She has lived in Dorchester for twenty-nine years. Arlene worked for the Social Security Administration for thirty-four years and is now semi-retired and currently working as a Healthy Neighborhood Advocate. In addition, Arlene is on the House Council of the Kit Clark Senior Services and on the Board of Fields Corner Main Streets.

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## **Jane Howard**

With a background in city planning and transportation, Jane Howard is a Founding Principal of Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates, a Boston transportation consultant firm founded in 1987. Jane has over thirty years of experience as a transportation professional in Boston, starting with work for the Boston Redevelopment Authority on traffic, transit and parking issues downtown and in the neighborhoods. Jane has worked on transportation permitting for Dorchester projects such as Spire, Dorchester House expansion, and the Vietnamese Community Center, and has assisted the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association pro bono on traffic and parking issues related to new development in the neighborhood. She has lived in Savin Hill for 27 years.

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## **Michael B. Mackan**

Michael is an active member of the Dorchester Community and has been involved in the following community activities: Cedar Grove Little League, Coach / Senior League Coordinator 19yrs; Lower Mills Civic Association, E-Board; Dorchester Day Parade, Mayor 2000 / President 2003; Dorchester Board of Trade, E-board; Dorchester Holiday Celebrations Committee, Co-Founder / President 1999; Democratic Ward 17 Committee; Volunteer for the Dorchester SOS; McKeon Post Member; Milton Cunningham Men's Bowling League, Board Member.

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## **Leslie MacWeeney**

Leslie is the Executive Director of Dot Ave Art

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## **Anita Marshall**

Anita attends West Roxbury Media and Communication High School and is also a member of the SCI Dorchester Youth Council.

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## **Quang Kenny Nguyen**

Kenny is a Dorchester Avenue business owner and also a Viet AID volunteer

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**Richard O'Mara**

Richard is a business owner in the Lower Mills area. He is also a member of the Lower Mills Merchant Association and the Lower Mills Civic Association.

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**Anne Riley**

Anne is a lifelong resident of Sagamore Street in Savin Hill. She has been very active in community activities throughout her life and over the past five years has become increasingly active in the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association. Anne is the founder and Chair of the Civic Association's Beautification Committee, a member of the Executive Board of the Association as well as a member of the Planning Committee. She feels very passionate about the community and is extremely excited to work on this important endeavor.

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**Kimberlee Smith**

Kim attends Boston Latin Academy and is also a member of the SCI Dorchester Youth Council.

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